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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. KUWAIT MEDIA HAS GIVEN HEAVY COVERAGE AUG 9, 10, AND 11 TO RESIGNATION PRESIDENT NIXON AND ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE BY PRESIDENT FORD. TELEVISION CONTINUES CARRY SUBSTANTIAL NEWS COVERAGE AND ALSO RAN SPECIAL HALF HOUR PROGRAM MORNING AUG 10. NEWSPAPERS FEATURE STRAIGHT NEWS COVERAGE, WIRE SERVICE COMMENTARY, STATEMENTS BY LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENTS.

2. EDITORIALS GENERALLY GIVE NIXON CREDIT FOR SUCCESSFUL POLICY OF PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST, AND ACCEPT FORD'S ASSURANCES OF CONTINUITY IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, THOUGH WITH SOME SKEPTICISM. PAPERS TEND TO VIEW FORD'S VOTING RECORD IN HOUSE AS "PRO-ZIONIST," AND ARE DISTURBED ABOUT HIS EARLY MEETING WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR, WHICH WELL PUBLICIZED.

3. STATEMENTS BY KUWAITI OFFICIALS IN PRESS TEND TO BE FAVORABLE NEW ADMINISTRATION, THOUGH THE ACTING HEAD OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, BADER AL MUDAF, SAYS ARABS WILL HAVE TO DEPEND ON OWN CAPABILITIES REGARDLESS WHO IS PRESIDENT. THIS SENTIMENT ECHOED IN RAI AL AAM EDITORIAL WHICH SUGGESTS THAT ARABS NOW STRONG ENOUGH MAKE THEIR WEIGHT FELT IN WORLD, BASED ON SUCCESS OF OIL WEAPON, SHOULD NEW ADMINISTRATION PROVE UNFRIENDLY.

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4. INDIVIDUAL KUWAITIS EXPRESS STRONG APPROVAL DEMOCRATIC FASHION

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